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MASSES

Saturday Evening: 5 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am & 11:15 am

Weekdays: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday— 9:00 am

Wednesdays:- 7:00pm

OFFICE HOURS: Monday—Thursday 9:30 am-1:30 pm

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday 3:30 p.m.—5:00 p.m. or by appointment

MARRIAGES:

Must be scheduled with the Priest at least 6 months in advance.

MORNING ROSARY:

8:30 a.m. before Mass

MONDAYS:

Miraculous Medal Novena following Rosary

EVERY FIRST FRIDAY:

Novena To The Sacred Heart of Jesus-before 9 a.m. Mass

Eucharistic Adoration 9:30am-12pm

HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION:

Third Sunday of every month at 7:00 p.m.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

August through May. Ages 3 yrs. Through High School

Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church

Saturday, August 30, 2014

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, August 31, 2014

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time August 31, 2014

Be transformed by the renewal of your mind,
that you may discern what is the will of God,
what is good and pleasing and perfect.

— Romans 12:2

Weekly Readings Sept.1 –Sept.7

- Monday:** 1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97-102; Lk 4:16-30,
or, for Labor Day, any readings from the
Mass “For the Blessings of Human La
bor,” nos. 907-911
- Tuesday:** 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-14; Lk 4:31-37
- Wednesday:** 1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-15, 20-21; Lk
4:38-44
- Thursday:** 1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6;
Lk 5:1-11
- Friday:** 1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40;
Lk 5:33-39
- Saturday:** 1 Cor 4:6b-15; Ps 145:17-21; Lk 6:1-5
- Sunday:** Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 13:8-10;
Mt 18:15-20

✠ Mass Intentions Sept.1 –Sept.7 ✠

- Monday:** John Michael by KOC Council 12270 ✠
Tuesday: Robert Moore by The Morteks ✠
Wednesday: Angelina Gagliano by The Brazzolottos ✠
Thursday: Eric Reid by The Reids
Friday: Katie Elie by The Elie Family
Saturday: Trudi & Andy McClay by The Zielinskis ✠
Sunday: Joseph Amaro by The Zopfi Family ✠

Please pray for the ill and shut-ins:

Betty Brennan, Frank Dickinson, Dianna Marke-
vich, Anne Forister, Alice Reid, Doris Gregg,
Lexie Smith, Gene & Walton Smith, Daniel Cen-
tilli, Wilson Fletcher, Hildie Bowman, Matt
Joiner, Pat Roberts, Tom Moseley, Antoinette
Bruno, Richard F. Marston

Please pray for all our loved ones who are ill and our
shut-ins. To add a name, call the church
office; or to add to the Prayer Hot Line call Sharon
Stice at 205-338-0207, or email:

cocoapuff@centurytel.net

Please note that names remain on the prayer list
for 30 days and then are removed unless the
Church Office is notified.

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New Parish Council Leaders

Chairman– Julie Smith
Vice Chairman– Mark McRae
Secretary– Gloria Rodgers

Your Parish thanks you for your willingness to serve!

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

No one likes a naysayer. As Abraham Heschel once commented, a prophet is someone you wouldn't invite to your home a second time. Jeremiah would certainly fit that bill, with his incessant talk of death and destruction. Would Jeremiah be welcome at our birthday party?

Yet, we cannot but feel a certain sympathy for the great prophet, Jeremiah. The prophet offers a glimpse into the interior life of a servant of God. He is involved in a deep spiritual struggle. He feels duped by God in accepting the role of a prophet in a troublesome time. He was already placed in prison for a while in an attempt to silence him. His message (about impending destruction and exile) is difficult to hear. He is tempted to quit, to remain silent. But this is his dilemma. "The Word becomes like a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones; I grow weary holding it in, I cannot endure it." Here the great mystery of conscience and integrity and being true to oneself rises up to compel us to speak, not to remain silent.

Elie Wiesel writes wonderfully of Jeremiah in these words: "Jeremiah does not stop talking, dictating, writing down every dream, every command, every whisper, every anecdote, every episode, every moan and outcry. He knows his voice will not carry, and yet: he yells, shouts, warns, pleads, prays. He has no choice: he must do something with his life. If he survives, it must be for a reason; he must do something with every minute—for every minute is a minute of Grace".

We can relate to Peter in the Gospel scene. He wants to spare Jesus from the suffering of the cross. Surely, there must be an easier way, Peter thinks. We all rush in to save our friends and family and others too from suffering and pain. We mean well, surely but are we doing something good? Peter had to learn the great Christian paradox that still eludes us even now. "Whoever wishes to save his/her life will lose it, but whoever loses his/her life for my sake will find it". In time, Peter learned the painful truth. There is hope that we too might come to that moment of insight.

Coming Events- - Visitors From the Holy Land: George and Saida Rashmawi will be here the weekend of September 6th and 7th offering an array of beautifully handcrafted gifts from Bethlehem and the Holy Land. These were very popular last year. They make wonderful Christmas gifts. - - -

Ann's New Life Center Annual Fundraising Banquet: September 11th at First United Methodist Church social hall at 6:30 p.m. The guest speaker will be Dr. Alveda King, prominent pro-life speaker on television and at national conferences. Be sure to get your tickets now for this most important cause— to save and protect the life of the unborn.

Pope Francis ~ Words of Wisdom - "The love of God is not generic. God looks with love upon every man and woman, calling them by name."

Peace and Blessings,

Fr. Sexton

Calendar of Events Aug. 31-Sept.7

Sunday—August 31

Mass 8:30 am & 11:15 am

- * RE Soup Drive
- * KOC Mass 8:30am
- * No RE Happy Labor Day!

Monday—September 1

Mass 9 am

- * Bridge
- * Legion of Mary

Tuesday—September 2

Mass 9 am

Wednesday—September 3

Mass 7 pm

Thursday—September 4

Mass 9 am

Friday—September 5

Mass 9 am

- * First Friday Adoration 9:30am-12:30
- * Bible Study 10am

Saturday—September 6

Mass 5 pm

- * Confessions 3:30-5pm
- * Holy Land Olive Wood Gifts

Sunday—September 7

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

- * Pro Life Rosary/Spanish
- * RE/Soup Drive
- * Youth Mass - 11:15 am
- * Holy Land Olive Wood Gifts

FINANCE NEWS
July 2014-June 2015
Last week

Actual	Budget
*Offertory: \$ 5770.74	\$ 5481.00
<u>Year-to-date</u>	
*Offertory: \$ 45,161.82	\$ 43,848.00

Includes Holy Days

The Love Pantry



The Love Pantry has requested that we bring cans of soup each week to help meet the needs of our Community.

Total cans last week - 511 cans.

Thank you for your generosity!

The Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary is a worldwide organization of Catholic men and women, who offer their services to their pastor to assist in performing spiritual works in the parish. Meets Mondays following Mass.



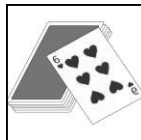
Contact: Audrey Springer 205-365-0211

Surfsiders: Fun and Games

Meets every third Wednesday of the month in the church hall.

For more information call:

Larry Martens 256-338-6927.



Due to the generous contributions to the Annual School Supply Drive., this year we were able to fill 94 bags with supplies.



Many thanks to all!



*Take up
your
CROSS
and
follow me*

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Pro Life Corner



**Our Lady of the Lake
Spiritual Adoption Program**

Month 4

Thank you for praying for me.

I am bigger and stronger now.

I am about 6 inches long and I weigh about 4 ounces.

When my mommy goes to the doctor, she can even listen to my heartbeat. I hope that one day I will run and play with friends like you.



A Reminder:

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion

Please remember to pray daily for your Spiritual Adopted Baby and the baby's mother and father.



**Knights of Columbus
Council 12270**

The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal service organization open to Catholic men, 18 and older, in good standing with the faith. Being a

Knight is more than camaraderie: it is being involved with your community; it is supporting your church, while enhancing your family life. Come see what we are all about.

Contact:

**James Raynor 205-884-1777) or
J.P. Willi (205-338-3131).**

Announcements



HOLY LAND GIFTS-OLIVE WOOD CARVINGS For sale after Masses

Saida & George Rashmawi, volunteer members from the Roman Catholic Church in Bethlehem in the Holy Land are visiting our Parish the week end of Sept. 6 & 7. They will speak to us about the Christian struggle in the Holy Land and also have some beautiful Olive Wood carvings which are all hand made by the Christian people over there.

This is a Church mission to maintain the existence of the Catholic people in the Holy Land. Catholic Christians were once the majority in that land but the percentage has now dropped to less than 1.5%. Please take time to look at the carvings, make a purchase and help this worthy cause. These carvings make great sacramental gifts that have an added special significance.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat



If you or someone you know is suffering with emotional and spiritual pain after an abortion, you can experience the healing love of Jesus Christ.

A Rachel's Vineyard Retreat will be held in Cullman, Alabama on October 31-November 2, 2014 at the St. Bernard Retreat and Conference Center.

Participation is strictly confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, compassion and forgiveness.

For more information, please contact Maria at maria_vineyard@yahoo.com or (901) 356-2259. Please visit our website www.rachelsvineyard.org.

ASSIGNMENT LIST FOR Aug. 31-Sept.7

WEDNESDAY 9/3/2014 7:00 PM

Altar Servers
Lector Terri Brown

SATURDAY MASS 9/6/2014 5:00 PM

Altar Servers Mike Gagliano, Stephen Reese
Greeters Susan Moseley, Connie Hertrich
Lectors David Springer, Sonia Dale
Ministers Jim Dale, Lloyd & Terri Brown
Ushers Cecil Rodgers, Jim Dale, Jerry Noto, Bob Nicholas

SUNDAY MASS 9/7/2014 8:30 AM

Altar Servers Matthew Reese, Michael Emerick, Anthony Emerick, Natalie Newcomb
Greeters Marsha & Johnny Armstrong, Laura Headley
Lectors Carey Monistere, Chere Lowery
Ministers Deacon, Michael & Teri Gagliano, Ronnie & Carley Gagliano
Ushers Michael Gagliano, Dennis Veigl, Joaquina Reyes, Joe Yester

11:15 AM Youth Mass

Altar Servers Paul Boyle, Sawyer Stice, Ryan Murphree, James Lewis
Greeters Amanda Manuel, Katie Luter
Lectors Paul Boyle, Andres Loera
Ministers Tiffany Rochford, Ryan Curran, Danny Smith, Ronni Gagliano
Ushers Don Frederick, Chris Gallegly, Sophie Poteracki, Alex Walser, Hunter Patterson, Angel Frederick

**If you cannot keep your assignment
PLEASE find a substitute.**

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Take time for a Holy Pause

Family Questions of the Week

Questions are based on Sunday Readings.

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time Aug 31, 2014

Theme: The cross is a way that leads to true life.

Question for Youth: In order to follow Jesus, we have to do hard things, to carry our own crosses. What is a cross that you are carrying right now? In what ways can you ask Jesus to help you with your cross?

Pregunta para los jóvenes: Al crecer y tener más edad y sabiduría, enfrentas elecciones cada vez más difíciles. ¿Cómo te aseguras que una de esas opciones es permanecer en la fe de Cristo y en la iglesia?

Question for Adults: Jesus gives us the core truth to life and eternal happiness — the cross. Name the cross that you carry. How is it bringing you closer to God?

Pregunta para los adultos: Jesús nos da la verdad esencial de la vida y la felicidad eterna, la cruz. Menciona la cruz que tú llevas. ¿Cómo te acerca esto a Dios?

Religious Education 2014-2015

Every Sunday at 9:45 am.

Grs PreK4 thru 12



ANNUAL SOUP DRIVE. Goal 2000 cans.

Collected 8/24* 511 cans

Total Collected 1361cans



Bring your cans to the church foyer or RE bldg. If you can't shop, drop your donation in the soup box in the foyers and we'll do the shopping for you! All donations profit the Pell City Love Pantry.

CAN WE DO IT?? YESSSS WE CAN!!!

COMING UP * MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

Aug 31 No RE Happy Labor Day

SR YOUTH Faith Weekend Event ATL Braves Game & Newsboys Concert

Sept 5 First Friday Adoration 9:30am -12:30pm

Fri 10am Bible Study Matthew 20-22 Lesson 7

Sept 7 RE 9:45am Soup Drive continues

Youth Mass 11:15am

Sept 9 Tues RCIA begins 7pm

Sept 12 Fri 10am Bible Study Matthew 20-22 Lesson 8

Sept 14 RE/Soup Drive Continues

Catechetical Sunday 11:15am Mass

Holy Hour 7pm

LOIC 12:30-2:30 Grs PK thru Gr 2

JR YOUTH 5-7pm Grs 3-6

Sept 15 Youth Protection Class I * 6-8 Parish Hall

Sign up sheets in the foyers

YOUTH GROUPS GEARING UP!!

LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING



LITTLE ONES IN CHRIST

Grs PreK-Gr 2 every 2nd Sunday

First Meeting * **Sept 14* 12:30-2:30PM** Lunch will be served! Call Joanna Murphree 473-1444

JR YOUTH Grs 3-6 every 2nd Sunday

Next Meeting * **Sept 14 * 5-7pm** * Dinner will be served! Call Sonya Lewis 863-7305.

SR YOUTH Grs 7-12 Check it out!!! The SR

YOUTH invites **ALL** to the

Atlanta Braves Game & Newsboys Concert August 31st. All are invited!

ALSO Sept 6 Catholic Youth Day at Six Flags.

Contact Chris Frey 473-4661 for more information and permission slips.



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A CHILD" in the Religious Education Program. We certainly are **Building the Kingdom of God!** May He richly bless you for your on going stewardship.



RCIA... Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults..

What's it all about? It's a time of inquiry for anyone who has an interest and questions about the Catholic Faith. If you

know someone who has expressed that interest, now's the time to invite them to our **Inquiry Classes** beginning **Tuesday, September 9th, at 7 pm in the Church hall.** Sign up sheets are in foyers or contact Parma at the Church Office 525-5161 or 405-0948.



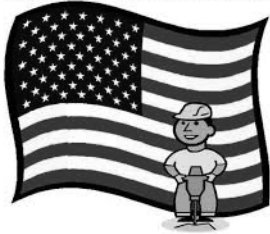
*We Welcome the following
Newest Members
to our Church Family*

TONI & SOLON JAMES

*Let us love one another, for love is of God
and everyone that loves is born of God and
knows God. 1Jn4:7
May you feel the warmth of His Spirit!*



HAPPY LABOR DAY



**A prayer of Thanksgiving
for Work.** Blessed are you,
O God, creator of all that is
good, for in your mercy you
give us work that we may
be co-creators with you.
With hands to fashion and
form, minds to imagine what
has yet to be, hearts to care

for what we have made and a spirit to impart to our
own creations, we rejoice in the labor you give us.
By imitating you, our God and maker, we continue to
shape the world, to name it and claim it and be good
stewards of your good gifts through the life-giving
Spirit that renews the earth.
So keep us mindful of the power you share with us
that we may create only that which leads to peace.
Through our work, may we continue to build your
kingdom on earth.
Allow opportunity Lord to those who are in need of
work that they may find what satisfies their needs
and souls; and in their find, they give to you the
glory. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.
Have a safe, happy, holy Labor Day!

Ann's New Life Center for Women, Inc.
Annual Fundraising Banquet

September 11, 2014, 6:30pm to 8:00pm
Location: The Beacon at First United Methodist
Church, Pell City

Proudly Presents Keynote Speaker:

Dr. Alveda C. King

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE, PRIESTS FOR LIFE



DR. ALVEDA C. KING works toward her purpose in life, to glorify God.

Dr. King currently serves as a Pastoral Associate and Director of African-American Outreach for Priests for Life and Gospel of Life Ministries. She is also a voice for the Silent No More Awareness Campaign, sharing her testimony of two abortions, God's forgiveness, and healing.


The daughter of the late civil rights activist Rev. A.D. King and his wife Naomi Barber King, Alveda grew up in the civil rights movement led by her uncle, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Her family home in Birmingham, Alabama, was bombed, as was her father's church office in Louisville, Kentucky. Alveda was jailed during the open housing movement. She sees the prolife movement as a continuation of the civil rights struggle.

To reserve your seats for this event, please
contact the center at 205-338-4580 or via email
at annsnewlifecenter@yahoo.com.

God Bless You!



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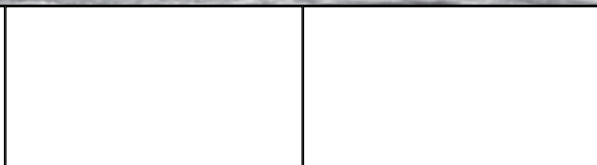
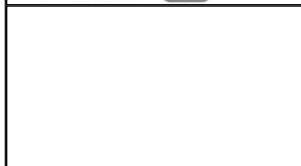
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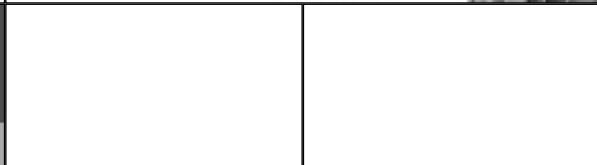
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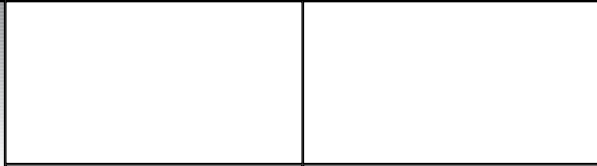
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